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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir;

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 6, 2001, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, the designated invention of Group II (Claims 10-17, 20-28, and 31-40) drawn to various methods of use.

In response to the Species Requirement of same date, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, the disclosed species of an epitope comprising a terminal alpha 2,6-linked sialic acid (“anti- α (2,6)NeuAc Ab”) and an anti-human IgG mAb.

The Restriction Requirement set a shortened statutory period for response of one month to expire January 6, 2002. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (a) to extend the response time to April 6, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.